

What is a NatureScape?

- Birds and butterflies
- Water conservation
- Sustainable gardening

A NatureScape is a yard and /or landscape that provides a healthy habitat for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife while conserving precious resources—like water.

By creating a NatureScape on your property, you will make your yard more environmentally-friendly or “sustainable.” You may even save time and money on maintaining your outdoor area!

In addition, you will help Chula Vista become the largest city in California to be certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat Area through the National Wildlife Federation.

Remember that it's...
Your Community. Your Environment.
Your Choice.

Para más información en español, llame al (619) 409-3893.



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Promoting
Nature-friendly
Yards &
Landscaping

What areas can become NatureScapes?

Any outdoor space can be a **NatureScape, no matter its size or location!**

What does my area need for certification?

Required elements include

- Food for animals and insects
- A water source
- Cover/protection for animals
- A place to raise young

Get your yard certified as a NatureScape...it's easy! Schedule a time to certify your yard.

Call (619) 409-3893 or email conservation@chulavistaca.gov

Need help?

Call a **Conservation Specialist** for free information at (619) 409-3893 or email Conservation@chulavistaca.gov

Local water districts offer recommended plant lists, rebates, and water-saving tips. Sweetwater Authority: (619) 409-6779
Otay Water District: (619) 670-2222

Landscape architects and contractors specialize in outdoor environments, planting, irrigation, and hardscape. They can help with your whole project or trouble spots.

Irrigation supply stores are a good resource for information on water efficient products.

Local nurseries offer useful information about plants and irrigation equipment.



NatureScape-in-a-Box kits include:

- One to three native plants
- Bird feeder
- Water dish
- Spray/hose nozzle
- Composting box

Ideas to get you started:

Select Native Plants

They're easy to grow, they're fire resistive, and they support wildlife! Examples include:

1 *California Coffeeberry*

This evergreen shrub is drought-tolerant and attracts butterflies.

2 *California Wild Lilac*

This shrub has fragrant, beautiful flowers that attract insects and hummingbirds.

3 *Toyon*

Flowers and red berries provide a feast for insects and birds all year!

4 *Bush Monkeyflower*

Flowers can bloom nearly all year long, adding beauty to your yard.

5 *Dwarf Coyote Bush*

Great for groundcover or slope stabilization—and adds some green, too!

6 *Cleveland Sage*

This beautiful, fragrant perennial shrub blooms for 5-6 weeks starting in April and can get very large.

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Enhance your garden



Mulch

A thick layer of mulch in your garden will help hold in the moisture, allowing you to water less!



Irrigation

Use rotating spray nozzles on lawn areas and drip irrigation in garden areas. Both methods water more efficiently.



Rain Barrels

Rain barrels collect water from rooftops using the downspouts. Once captured, this water can be used for irrigating trees, shrubs, and vegetable gardens.



Paths and Rock Features

Permeable paths allow water to soak into the ground, recharging groundwater, and preventing stormwater runoff. Rock features also don't need water!

Composting



Compost is miraculous. It starts by taking a huge chunk of garbage out of landfills, then goes on to make our gardens grow, reduces our carbon footprint, and improves air quality.



Learn how to conserve resources, reduce pollution, and nurture a healthy garden by attending free **Composting Workshops** at the Living Coast Discovery Center in Chula Vista. Call (619) 409-5900 for more information or to reserve your space!